

# A NOTE ON $k$ -VERY AMPLENESS OF LINE BUNDLES ON GENERAL BLOW-UPS OF HYPERELLIPTIC SURFACES

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**ABSTRACT.** We study  $k$ -very ampleness of line bundles on blow-ups of hyperelliptic surfaces at  $r$  very general points. We obtain a numerical condition on the number of points for which a line bundle on the blow-up of a hyperelliptic surface at these  $r$  points gives an embedding of order  $k$ .

## 1. INTRODUCTION

M.C. Beltrametti, P. Francia and A.J. Sommese introduced and studied the concepts of higher order embeddings:  $k$ -spandness,  $k$ -very ampleness and  $k$ -jet ampleness of polarised varieties in a series of papers, see [BeFS1989], [BeS1988], [BeS1993]. The problem of  $k$ -very ampleness on certain surfaces was studied by many authors. M. Mella and M. Palleschi in [MP1993] proved the necessary and sufficient condition for a line bundle on any hyperelliptic surface to be  $k$ -very ample. Such a condition for any Del Pezzo surface was given by S. Di Rocco in [DR1996]. Th. Bauer and T. Szemberg in [BaSz1997] provided a criterion for  $k$ -very ampleness of a line bundle on an abelian surface.

In [SzT-G2002] T. Szemberg and H. Tutaj-Gasińska established a condition on the number of points for which a line bundle is  $k$ -very ample on a general blow-up of the projective plane. H. Tutaj-Gasińska in [T-G2002] gave a condition for  $k$ -very ampleness of a line bundle on a general blow-up of an abelian surface, and in [T-G2005] — on general blow-ups of elliptic quasi-bundles.

Recently, W. Alagal and A. Maciocia in [AMa2014] study critical  $k$ -very ampleness on abelian surfaces, i.e. consider the critical value of  $k$  for which a line bundle is  $k$ -very ample but not  $(k+1)$ -very ample.

We come back to the classical question on the number of points for which a line bundle on a general blow-up of a surface is  $k$ -very ample. We consider blow-ups of hyperelliptic surfaces as such case has not been an object of study before.

## 2. NOTATION AND AUXILIARY RESULTS

Let us set up the notation and basic definitions. We work over the field of complex numbers  $\mathbb{C}$ . We consider only smooth reduced and irreducible projective varieties. By  $D_1 \equiv D_2$  we denote the numerical equivalence of divisors  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ . By a curve we understand an irreducible subvariety of dimension 1. In the notation we follow [Laz2004].

We recall the definition of  $k$ -very ampleness.

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Let  $X$  be a smooth projective variety of dimension  $n$ . Let  $L$  be a line bundle on  $X$ , and let  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 2.1.** We say that a line bundle  $L$  is  $k$ -very ample if for every 0-dimensional subscheme  $Z \subset X$  of length  $k+1$  the restriction map

$$H^0(X, L) \longrightarrow H^0(X, L \otimes \mathcal{O}_Z)$$

is surjective.

In the other words  $k$ -very ampleness means that the subschemes of length at most  $k+1$  impose independent conditions on global sections of  $L$ .

We also recall the definition of the multi-point Seshadri constant.

Let  $x_1, \dots, x_r \in X$  be pairwise distinct points.

**Definition 2.2.** The multi-point Seshadri constant of  $L$  at  $x_1, \dots, x_r$  is the real number

$$\varepsilon(L, x_1, \dots, x_r) = \inf \left\{ \frac{LC}{\sum_{i=1}^r \text{mult}_{x_i} C} : \{x_1, \dots, x_r\} \cap C \neq \emptyset \right\},$$

where the infimum is taken over all irreducible curves  $C \subset X$  passing through at least one of the points  $x_1, \dots, x_r$ .

If  $\pi: \tilde{X} \longrightarrow X$  is the blow-up of  $X$  at  $x_1, \dots, x_r$ , and  $E_1, \dots, E_r$  are exceptional divisors of the blow-up, then equivalently the Seshadri constant may be defined as (see e.g. [Laz2004] vol. I, Proposition 5.1.5):

$$\varepsilon(L, x_1, \dots, x_r) = \sup \left\{ \varepsilon : \pi^* L - \varepsilon \sum_{i=1}^r E_i \text{ is nef} \right\}.$$

Now let us recall the definition of a hyperelliptic surface.

**Definition 2.3.** A hyperelliptic surface  $S$  (sometimes called bielliptic) is a surface with Kodaira dimension equal to 0 and irregularity  $q(S) = 1$ .

Alternatively ([Bea1996], Definition VI.19), a surface  $S$  is hyperelliptic if  $S \cong (A \times B)/G$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are elliptic curves, and  $G$  is an abelian group acting on  $A$  by translation and acting on  $B$ , such that  $A/G$  is an elliptic curve and  $B/G \cong \mathbb{P}^1$ ;  $G$  acts on  $A \times B$  coordinatewise. Hence we have the following situation:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S \cong (A \times B)/G & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & A/G \\ & \downarrow \Psi & \\ & & B/G \cong \mathbb{P}^1 \end{array}$$

where  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  are natural projections.

Hyperelliptic surfaces were classified at the beginning of 20th century by G. Bagnara and M. de Franchis in [BF1907], and independently by F. Enriques and F. Severi in [ES1909-10]. They showed that there are seven non-isomorphic types of hyperelliptic surfaces. Those types are characterised by the action of  $G$  on  $B \cong \mathbb{C}/(\mathbb{Z}\omega \oplus \mathbb{Z})$  (for details see e.g. [Bea1996], VI.20). The canonical divisor  $K_S$  of any hyperelliptic surface is numerically trivial.

In 1990 F. Serrano in [Se1990], Theorem 1.4, characterised the group of classes of numerically equivalent divisors  $\text{Num}(S)$  for each of the surface's type:

**Theorem 2.4** (Serrano). *A basis of the group  $\text{Num}(S)$  for each of the hyperelliptic surface's type and the multiplicities of the singular fibres in each case are the following:*

Type of a hyperelliptic surface	$G$	$m_1, \dots, m_s$	Basis of $\text{Num}(S)$
1	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	2, 2, 2, 2	$A/2, B$
2	$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	2, 2, 2, 2	$A/2, B/2$
3	$\mathbb{Z}_4$	2, 4, 4	$A/4, B$
4	$\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	2, 4, 4	$A/4, B/2$
5	$\mathbb{Z}_3$	3, 3, 3	$A/3, B$
6	$\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$	3, 3, 3	$A/3, B/3$
7	$\mathbb{Z}_6$	2, 3, 6	$A/6, B$

Let  $\mu = \text{lcm}\{m_1, \dots, m_s\}$  and let  $\gamma = |G|$ . Given a hyperelliptic surface, its basis of  $\text{Num}(S)$  consists of divisors  $A/\mu$  and  $(\mu/\gamma)B$ . We say that  $L$  is a line bundle of type  $(a, b)$  on a hyperelliptic surface if  $L \equiv a \cdot A/\mu + b \cdot (\mu/\gamma)B$ . In  $\text{Num}(S)$  we have that  $A^2 = 0$ ,  $B^2 = 0$ ,  $AB = \gamma$ .

The following proposition holds:

**Proposition 2.5** (see [Se1990], Lemma 1.3). *Let  $D$  be a divisor of type  $(a, b)$  on a hyperelliptic surface  $S$ . Then*

$$D \text{ is ample if and only if } a > 0 \text{ and } b > 0.$$

Now we recall the criterion for a line bundle on a surface to be  $k$ -very ample, obtained by M. Beltrametti and A. Sommese in [BeS1988].

**Theorem 2.6** (Beltrametti, Sommese). *Let  $S$  be a smooth projective surface. Let  $L$  be a nef line bundle on  $S$  such that  $L^2 \geq 4k + 5$ .*

*Then either  $K_S + L$  is  $k$ -very ample or there exists an effective divisor  $D$  satisfying the following conditions:*

- (1)  $L - 2D$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -effective, i.e. there exists an integer  $m > 0$  such that  $|m(L - 2D)| \neq \emptyset$ .
- (2)  $D$  contains a subscheme  $Z$  of length  $k + 1$  such that the map

$$H^0(K_S \otimes L) \longrightarrow H^0(K_S \otimes L \otimes \mathcal{O}_Z)$$

*is not surjective.*

- (3)  $LD - k - 1 \leq D^2 < \frac{LD}{2} < k + 1$ .

M. Mella and M. Palleschi in [MP1993] fully characterised  $k$ -very ampleness of line bundles on hyperelliptic surfaces. For an ample line bundle  $L \equiv (a, b)$  they give necessary and sufficient numerical conditions on  $a$  and  $b$  for each hyperelliptic surface's type.

We will use the sufficient condition for  $k$ -very ampleness of a line bundle on a hyperelliptic surface that is implied by [MP1993], Theorems 3.2-3.4:

**Proposition 2.7** (Mella, Palleschi). *Let  $S$  be a hyperelliptic surface. Let  $L \equiv (a, b)$  be an ample line bundle on  $S$ . Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .*

*If  $a \geq k + 2$  and  $b \geq k + 2$  then  $L$  is  $k$ -very ample.*

In the next section we will prove a condition on the number  $r$  for which a pull-back of a  $d$ -very ample line bundle on a hyperelliptic surface is  $k$ -very ample on the blow-up of this surface at  $r$  very general points.

### 3. MAIN RESULT

We study  $k$ -very ampleness for  $k \geq 2$ . Case  $k = 1$  for a blow-up of a smooth projective surface was considered by M. Coppens, see [Co1995], Theorem 2. Namely, Coppens proved that on a blow-up of a smooth projective surface at  $r$  points in very general position a line bundle  $M = \pi^*(mL) - \sum_{i=1}^r E_i$ , where  $L$  is an ample line bundle, is 1-very ample (i.e. very ample) if  $m \geq 7$  and  $r \leq h^0(mL) - 7$ . Even if we proved Theorem 3.1 for  $k = 1$ , we would get a weaker result than Coppens.

Our main result is the following

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $S$  be a hyperelliptic surface. Let  $k \geq 2$ , and let  $d > (k+1)^2$ . Let  $L_S \equiv (a, b)$  a line bundle on  $S$  with  $a \geq d+2$  and  $b \geq d+2$ .*

*Let  $r \geq 2$ . Let  $\pi: \tilde{S} \rightarrow S$  be the blow-up of  $S$  at  $r$  points in very general position where*

$$r \leq 0.887 \cdot \frac{L_S^2}{(k+1)^2}.$$

*Then a line bundle  $L = \pi^*L_S - k \sum_{i=1}^r E_i$  is  $k$ -very ample on  $\tilde{S}$ .*

Our proof is based on H. Tutaj-Gasińska's ideas from [T-G2005], Theorem 11. We get a more accurate estimation on the admissible number of points  $r$  than in [T-G2005]. This is caused by the fact that for hyperelliptic surfaces we have better estimation of the multi-point Seshadri constants than for arbitrary elliptic quasi-bundle, and on specifics of hyperelliptic surfaces among elliptic fibrations.

Moreover, assuming that  $r \leq c \cdot \frac{L_S^2}{(k+1)^2}$  we carefully analysed the conditions for a constant  $c$  to be a maximal possible constant satisfying all conditions imposed by the proof, with any  $\delta > 0$ . The key restriction for the upper bound of  $c$  is given by inequalities (3.1) and (3.2). The constant 0.887 is computed to be a round down to the third decimal place of the maximal  $c$  satisfying all conditions appearing in the proof.

*Proof.* On hyperelliptic surfaces  $K_S \equiv 0$ , hence  $L_S \equiv L_S - K_S \equiv (a, b)$ . Obviously,  $L_S^2 = 2ab \geq 2(d+2)^2 \geq ((k+1)^2 + 3)^2$ . We prove  $k$ -very ampleness of  $L = \pi^*L_S - k \sum_{i=1}^r E_i$ , applying Theorem 2.6 to the line bundle

$$N = L - K_{\tilde{S}} \equiv \pi^*L_S - (k+1) \sum_{i=1}^r E_i.$$

In the two consecutive lemmas we check that the assumptions of Theorem 2.6 are satisfied, i.e. that  $N^2 \geq 4k+5$  and that  $N$  is a nef line bundle (we prove that  $N$  is in fact ample). Finally, we show that there does not exist an effective divisor  $D$  satisfying condition (3) of Theorem 2.6.

**Lemma 3.2.** *With the notation above*

$$N^2 \geq 4k+5.$$

*Proof of the lemma.* We estimate:  $N^2 = (\pi^*L_S - (k+1) \sum_{i=1}^r E_i)^2 = L_S^2 - (k+1)^2 r \geq L_S^2 - 0.887 \cdot \frac{L_S^2}{(k+1)^2} \cdot (k+1)^2 = 0.113 \cdot L_S^2 \geq 0.113 \cdot 2((k+1)^2 + 3)^2 = 0.113 \cdot 2(k^4 + 4k^3 + 12k^2 + 16k + 16) \geq 0.113 \cdot 2 \cdot 16(4k+1) \geq 14k+3 \geq 4k+5$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.3.** *N is ample.*

*Proof of the lemma.* By [Fa2015], Theorem 3.6, we have  $\varepsilon(L_S, r) \geq \sqrt{\frac{L_S^2}{r}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{8r}}$ . We will prove that

$$(*) \quad \sqrt{\frac{L_S^2}{r}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{8r}} > k+1+\delta$$

where  $\delta > 0$ . Applying an equivalent definition of  $r$ -point Seshadri constant we will get an assertion of the lemma.

It is enough to show that  $(*)$  holds for the maximal admissible  $r$ , i.e. for  $r = 0.887 \cdot \frac{L_S^2}{(k+1)^2}$ . We ask whether

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{\frac{8 \cdot 0.887 \cdot \frac{L_S^2}{(k+1)^2} L_S^2 - L_S^2}{8 \cdot \left(0.887 \cdot \frac{L_S^2}{(k+1)^2}\right)^2}} &> k+1+\delta \\ \frac{k+1}{0.887} \sqrt{0.887 - \frac{(k+1)^2}{8 \cdot L_S^2}} &> k+1+\delta \end{aligned}$$

It suffices to check that

$$(3.1) \quad (k+1) \left( \frac{1}{0.887} \sqrt{0.887 - \frac{(k+1)^2}{8 \cdot 2((k+1)^2 + 3)^2}} - 1 \right) > \delta$$

Let  $t = k+1$ . Computing the derivative of  $f(t) = \frac{1}{0.887} \sqrt{0.887 - \frac{t^2}{8 \cdot 2(t^2+3)^2}}$  we see that it is positive, hence  $f$  is an increasing function. Evaluating  $f$  at the minimal possible  $t = 3$  (i.e.  $k = 2$ ), we get  $f(2) \approx 1.0594$ . Hence the left hand side of the inequality (3.1) is an increasing function. For the minimal  $k = 2$  on the left hand side of (3.1) we get a number slightly bigger than 0.178 (the difference is on the fourth decimal place). Thus the inequality holds for each  $k \geq 2$ , if the round down of  $\delta$  to the third decimal place is at most 0.178.

We have proved that  $\varepsilon(L_S, r) > k+1+\delta$  for  $\delta \in (0, 0.178]$ . Therefore  $N$  is ample.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.4.** *There does not exist an effective divisor  $D$  such that*

$$ND - k - 1 \leq D^2 < \frac{ND}{2} < k + 1.$$

*Proof of the lemma.* Assume that such a divisor exists. Then  $D = \pi^*D_S - \sum_{i=1}^r m_i E_i$ , where  $m_i := \text{mult}_{x_i} D_S$ . Without loss of generality  $D_S \not\equiv 0$ . We consider two cases:

- (1)  $D^2 > 0$ ,
- (2)  $D^2 \leq 0$ .

Ad. (1). By assumptions of the main theorem

$$r \leq 0.887 \cdot \frac{L_S^2}{(k+1)^2}$$

$$0.113 \cdot L_S^2 \leq L_S^2 - r \cdot (k+1)^2 = N^2$$

Since  $N$  is ample, by Hodge Index Theorem  $N^2 D^2 \leq (ND)^2$ . Obviously,  $N^2 \leq N^2 D^2$ . By assumption that a divisor  $D$  exists,  $\frac{ND}{2} < k+1$ . Moreover,  $L_S^2 \geq 2((k+1)^2 + 3)^2$ .

Altogether we get

$$0.113 \cdot 2((k+1)^2 + 3)^2 \leq 0.113 \cdot L_S^2 \leq N^2 \leq (ND)^2 \leq (2k+1)^2.$$

Therefore we have a series of inequalities

$$4k^2 + 4k + 1 \geq 0.113 \cdot 2(k^4 + 4k^3 + 12k^2 + 16k + 16) \geq$$

$$0.226 \cdot (4k^2 + 8k^2 + 12k^2 + 16k + 16) \geq 0.226 \cdot (23k^2 + 18k + 16) > 5k^2 + 4k + 3,$$

which gives a contradiction in case  $D^2 > 0$ .

Ad. (2).  $D^2 \leq 0$ .

Since  $N$  is ample,  $ND > 0$ . Hence  $ND \geq 1$ . We also have that  $ND - k - 1 \leq D^2$ . Therefore

$$D^2 \geq ND - k - 1 \geq -k.$$

As  $D = \pi^* D_S - \sum_{i=1}^r m_i E_i$ , we have  $D^2 = D_S^2 - (\sum_{i=1}^r m_i)^2$ . Thus

$$-k \leq D_S^2 - \left( \sum_{i=1}^r m_i \right)^2.$$

Since  $ND - k - 1 \leq D^2$  and  $D^2 \leq 0$ , we get that  $ND \leq k+1$ . We compute:

$$ND = \left( \pi^* L_S - (k+1) \sum_{i=1}^r E_i \right) \cdot \left( \pi^* D_S - \sum_{i=1}^r m_i E_i \right) = L_S D_S - (k+1) \sum_{i=1}^r m_i.$$

Therefore

$$L_S D_S = ND + (k+1) \sum_{i=1}^r m_i \leq (k+1) \left( 1 + \sum_{i=1}^r m_i \right).$$

Since  $(\sum_{i=1}^r m_i)^2 \leq D_S^2 + k$ , we have

$$L_S D_S \leq (k+1) \left( 1 + \sum_{i=1}^r m_i \right) \leq (k+1) (1 + D_S^2 + k).$$

Clearly,  $D_S^2 \geq 0$ .

If  $D_S^2 = 0$ , then  $L_S D_S \leq (k+1)^2$ . On the other hand,  $D_S$  is effective and  $D_S \not\equiv 0$ , hence if  $D_S \equiv (\alpha, \beta)$ , where  $\alpha \geq 0, \beta \geq 0$  and  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$  non-zero, then

$$L_S D_S = a\beta + b\alpha \geq \min\{a, b\} \geq d+2.$$

Therefore

$$(k+1)^2 + 3 \leq d+2 \leq L_S D_S \leq (k+1)^2,$$

a contradiction.

If  $D_S^2 > 0$ , then by  $L_S D_S \leq (k+1) (1 + D_S^2 + k)$  and Hodge Index Theorem we get

$$L_S^2 D_S^2 \leq (L_S D_S)^2 \leq (k+1)^2 (1 + D_S^2 + k)^2$$

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$$2ab D_S \geq 2(d+2)^2 \cdot D_S^2 \geq 2((k+1)^2 + 2)^2 \cdot D_S^2 \geq 2(k+1)^4 \cdot D_S^2.$$

Hence

$$2(k+1)^2 \cdot D_S^2 \leq (k+1 + D_S^2)^2.$$

We denote  $z = D_S^2$ ,  $t = k+1$ . We have

$$2t^2 z \leq (t+z)^2,$$

$$0 \leq z^2 + (2t - 2t^2)z + t^2,$$

which is a quadratic equation in the variable  $z$ . Let  $z_1(t) = -t + t^2 - \sqrt{t^4 - 2t^3}$ ,  $z_2(t) = -t + t^2 + \sqrt{t^4 - 2t^3}$  be the roots of the equation. We will show that the open interval  $(z_1(t), z_2(t))$  contains the closed interval  $[1, \frac{1000}{887}t^2]$ .

We compute the derivative:  $z'_1(t) = -1 + 2t - \frac{3t^2 - 2t^3}{\sqrt{t^4 - 2t^3}}$ . It is easy to verify that  $z'_1(t) < 0$  for all admissible  $t \geq 3$ , hence  $z_1(t)$  is a decreasing function. Evaluating  $z_1$  at the minimal possible  $t = 3$  ( $k = 2$ ), we get  $z_1(3) \approx 0.804 < 1$ .

Now we compute the derivative:  $z'_2(t) - \frac{1000}{887}t^2 = -1 + 2t + \frac{3t^2 - 2t^3}{\sqrt{t^4 - 2t^3}} - \frac{1000}{887}t^2$ . It is greater than 0 for all admissible  $t \geq 3$ , so  $z_2(t) - \frac{1000}{887}t^2$  is an increasing function. Evaluating at the minimal possible  $t = 3$  ( $k = 2$ ), we get the value of approximately  $0.001 > 0$ .

Thus we have a contradiction for  $0 < D_S^2 \leq \frac{1000}{887}(k+1)^2$ .

Let  $D_S^2 > \frac{1000}{887}(k+1)^2$ . By definition of the multi-point Seshadri constant

$$\varepsilon(L_S, r) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^r m_i \leq L_S D_S.$$

We have already proved that  $\varepsilon(L_S, r) \geq k+1+\delta$  so

$$L_S D_S \geq \varepsilon(L_S, r) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^r m_i \geq (k+1+\delta) \sum_{i=1}^r m_i.$$

On the other hand, we have shown that  $L_S D_S \leq (k+1)(1 + \sum_{i=1}^r m_i)$ , therefore

$$(k+1) \left( 1 + \sum_{i=1}^r m_i \right) \geq (k+1+\delta) \sum_{i=1}^r m_i.$$

Setting  $t = k+1$ , we have

$$t \left( 1 + \sum_{i=1}^r m_i \right) \geq (t+\delta) \sum_{i=1}^r m_i.$$

$$\frac{1}{\delta}t \geq \sum_{i=1}^r m_i.$$

Thus

$$L_S D_S \leq t \left( 1 + \sum_{i=1}^r m_i \right) \leq t \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\delta}t \right).$$

Squaring both sides we get

$$(L_S D_S)^2 \leq t^2 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\delta}t \right)^2.$$

By Hodge Index Theorem and assumptions  $(L_S D_S)^2 \geq L_S^2 D_S^2 > 2(t^2 + 3)^2 \frac{1000}{887} t^2$ , hence

$$2(t^2 + 3)^2 \frac{1000}{887} t^2 - t^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{\delta} t\right)^2 < 0,$$

$$(3.2) \quad 2(t^2 + 3)^2 \frac{1000}{887} - \left(1 + \frac{1}{\delta} t\right)^2 < 0.$$

We set the maximal possible by previous computations  $\delta = 0.178$  and compute the derivative of  $g(t) = 2(t^2 + 3)^2 \frac{1000}{887} - \left(1 + \frac{1}{0.178} t\right)^2$ . We obtain  $g'(t) > 0$  for  $t \geq 3$ , hence  $g$  is an increasing function for  $t \geq 3$ . Since the value of  $g$  for the minimal possible  $t = 3$  ( $k = 2$ ) is positive, we get a contradiction.  $\square$

We have shown that by Theorem 2.6 the divisor  $K_{\tilde{S}} + N$  is  $k$ -very ample, but  $K_{\tilde{S}} + N = L$ .  $\square$

We conclude with a remark.

**Remark 3.5.** *If we improved an estimation of multi-point Seshadri constant of a line bundle on a hyperelliptic surface, then we could easily show that the assertion of main theorem is satisfied with a bigger constant  $c$ , and therefore the line bundle  $L$  is  $k$ -very ample on the blow-up of a hyperelliptic surface in more very general points.*

*However, if we want to apply Theorem 2.6 to  $L - K_{\tilde{S}}$  then a constant  $c$ , rounded down to the third decimal place, cannot exceed the number 0.954, as otherwise the inequality  $N^2 \geq 4k + 5$  would not hold.*

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